

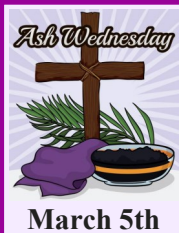
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February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun	2/23	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Krepline Family Mass at St John's Anna & Louis Truckey
Tues	2/25	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Lloyd & Esther Kraft
Wed	2/26	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	Mass at St John's Jean Birling Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow
Thurs	2/27	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's LaVern & Helen Leisgang
Fri	2/28	8:15 AM	Vivian & Joe Treml By Jill & Dan Carey
Sat	3/1	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Bill, Marie & Jerry Kranzush
Sun	3/2	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Jerry Nienhaus for his 100th Birthday From Nancy Stevens *RE 9AM Mass at St John's Roger Truckey



Ash Wednesday - Mass Times

St Sebastian's 8:15 AM
St John's 6:30 PM

March 5th

**Please join us every Sunday during Lent
beginning March 9th**



Divine Mercy Chaplet 12:50 PM
Stations of the Cross 1:00 PM



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
Steward What You Have

I sometimes spend more money than I should. I make decisions based upon my wants and not my needs. Those actions can create a financial difficulty or circumstance where more sacrifice is needed. Instant gratification or selfish impulses can create havoc in one's bank account, marriage, or family. All these issues to deal with simply because I wanted what I wanted and I got it. Yes, it sounds like the actions of a child.

However, I know I am not alone. We all can easily find ourselves acting in this manner. This is why it struck me to listen once again to the words of Jesus when he says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." The words are reminiscent of another of Jesus' phrases, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The problem is that too often I would like for others to fulfill my wants instead of needs, and I can seemingly love myself by doing what I already mentioned above.

A stewardship way of life means that I wisely steward what I have, and I cannot give what I do not have. Have you ever given someone a present you couldn't afford and think that was love? It wasn't. We don't show love by giving what we do not possess. We show love by meeting another's needs and by sharing our very self with them. At our core, what we long for from others more than anything else is love. Would I have others give me lavish gifts and shower me with empty compliments or would I have them give to me something much more valuable: the love in their hearts? In turn, I need to love myself more by realizing that no purchase will offer fulfillment more than the love of God shown to me in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

— *Father John Muir*

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Luke 6:27-38

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God's* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.



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DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM March 2	Chris Stedl	Tim Eisenreich	Saddie Ambrosius Olivia Ambrosius	Rick Stedl Kevin Matuszak

INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$	915.00
Loose Collection	\$	120.00
Mass Intentions	\$	20.00
Votives	\$	10.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	50.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

USPS— Postage	\$	219.00
Brightspeed	\$	293.80
Bureau Veritas Ntnl Elevator Insp.	\$	90.31
WeShare CC Fees	\$	8.88

"FOR THE MEASURE WITH WHICH YOU MEASURE WILL IN RETURN BE MEASURED OUT TO YOU." - LK 6:38

Eat Sunday

Sunday, March 2, 2025

10 am polka mass at St. John's followed by a complimentary luncheon in the school gym and wonderfully fun basket raffle

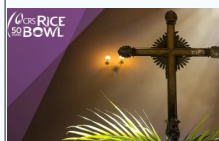
Enjoy your favorite polka tunes & a bowl of our

famous chicken soup or chili!

Menu includes ham sandwiches, coffee, milk &

delicious homemade desserts!

All are welcome, no charge!



Since 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has helped faith communities encounter God and our global family

throughout Lent by practicing: *1 Daily prayer. 1 Weekly fasting. 1 Almsgiving.* Your help is still needed to make a difference! This Lent, renew your commitment to supporting families facing hunger & malnutrition so that all may live with dignity. Find stories, videos & more at www.crsricebowl.org
* Rice Bowls found at entrance of church

Ash Wednesday

Question: Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

Answer: Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a *concept* rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

March 5th - April 13th

Please join us in peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion that takes place 24/7 over a 40 day period. You can sign up to pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood on Oneida Street at
www.40daysforlife.com/greenbay



Please prayerfully consider a gift from the heart to the 2025 Bishop's Appeal!

138th Solemn Novena in Honor of St. Joseph

March 11-19

7 p.m. Novena Masses

123 Grant St., De Pere, WI
(Old St. Joseph Church)



Additional information at norbertines.org/joseph

Grief Group

Five Mondays Starting March 10 from 1 to 3pm



To Everything There is a Season

For those who have lost someone due to death. All are welcome. Grief has no timetable. Gain insight and direction for help and healing.



Facilitated by Stephanie Hubbard. Stephanie is a parishioner at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. She has hospital experience in medical, emergency and trauma departments. Her graduate studies include drug, alcohol and substance abuse prevention, death and dying, grief, loss and related topics.

Call 920.499.1546 to RSVP. Please RSVP so we have enough material for everyone.

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Every person touched by our Parish community is *Welcomed, Valued and Encouraged* in Christ.

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If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for a family member or friend, please call the parish office at 920-833-2558

Ministry of the Sick: Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office two months in advance.

Marriage: Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

Funeral Arrangements: Please call St. John's parish office.

Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Please call St. John's parish office.

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Wed: 8:30 – Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri